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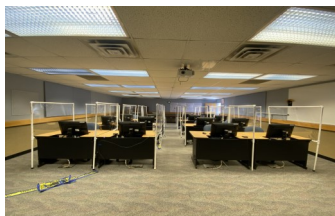
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RECENT NEWS

Mission Readiness: FT Irwin

During the pandemic, Dr. Lewis, the National Training Center (NTC) G3 Schools Technician, along with the help of the DTF Manager (DTFM), Mr. Joseph Moter, and the G3 Operations Deputy, Mr. John Sanders, found ways to continue training during the pandemic while also maintaining COVID-19 restrictions. At the onset of the pandemic, student enrollments were restricted to 50% capacity. Students remained in the classrooms while facilitators and instructors employed Video Tele-Conferencing, MS Teams, Skype, Zoom and other virtual platforms to conduct training.

With the need for additional training seats, Dr. Lewis coordinated with the NTC Preventive Medicine and Surgeon General teams on measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while training at full capacity. In a collective effort, Mr. Moter and Dr. Lewis enacted the following measures:



- Barriers that satisfied COVID-19 restrictions
- A daily COVID-19 checklist that includes the cleaning and day-to-day upkeep
- A COVID-19 section to the FT Irwin Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) ensuring compliance with the CDC and NTC COVID-19 restrictions and preventative measures
- An abridged version of the day-to-day SOP for use by other organizations (the SOP was paneled by the United States Forces Command (FORSCOM) leaders and approved for use)

Additionally, NTC G3/G6 added video-conferencing equipment to allow access to student platforms not previously supported. With those additions, FT Irwin accomplished all training requirements; thus, critical training never stopped and Soldier readiness prevailed.

Critical Backup: Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Network Outage Support

JBLM's DTFs proved invaluable the week of 28 JUN when an unprecedented heat wave in the Northwest launched a chain of unlikely events that took down all of JBLM's Internet, voice and data infrastructure for the span of three days. Due to JBLM's DTFs using a separate backbone for connectivity, their DTFs remained 100%

viable and fully connected during the catastrophic network outage. JBLM's Distributed Learning point of contact, Mr. Edward Wood, and DTFMs, Mr. Bruce Murphy and Ms. Terrie Welch, collaborated to quickly ready the DTFs to act as an alternate office and workspace location for several mission-critical organizations on base. This provided key personnel the ability to execute time-sensitive DoD duties until JBLM's primary network services were fully restored. Providing this solution to an urgent situation also engendered good will, while raising DTF capability awareness.

PdM ATIS LMD - "Team of the Quarter"

The Product Manager Army Training Information System (PdM ATIS) Logistics Management Division recently received recognition for their significant efforts in



completing the fielding of 94 Mobile DTF (MDTF) kits to designated USARC commands. Fielding began in 2017, and the last 18 MDTFs were distributed in APR 2021. MDTFs are mobile and can move to where the training need is, providing Army Reserve Soldiers access to online training and education, which results in a more ready and capable force. The PdM ATIS LMD team managed to fulfill their mission of delivering the final 18 MDTF capabilities despite the unforeseen obstacles presented by COVID-19. The POD team sends a big **thank you** to each member that made this mission a success!

SHOUT-OUT SECTION

FY21-2nd Quarter Utilization Shout-Outs

DTF Active Component - FT Stewart, GA

DTF Reserve Component - FT Shafter, HI

ARNG - Syracuse, NY

ARNG - Peekskill, NY & Peekskill, NY (Camp Smith)

ARNG - Manhattan, NY